

REMARKS

Consideration and examination is respectfully requested.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Michael E. Woods, Applicants' Attorney at (415) 388-0830 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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